

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 23-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 23-30 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,624,761 for the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) has been filed herewith to overcome said non-statutory double patenting rejections, and place the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested, and early and favorable consideration by the Examiner is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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